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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. This morning I met with Messrs. Paul Borel and [REDACTED] to discuss the Humphrey Committee's consideration of the problems incident to centralized translation, indexing and dissemination of Soviet scientific and technical literature to US scientists and industry. The major problem before the Congress appears to be insufficient information on:

- a. The precise magnitude of the undertaking,
- b. What sort of facilities are needed, and
- c. Who, or what agency is best equipped basically to provide those facilities.

In no case to date, with the exception of OTS, Department of Commerce, (asking for funds), has any precise evidence been produced in answer to these questions. Testimony before Congress has substantially been "This service is desirable--it is badly needed--we don't care who does it--we don't know who can best provide it."

2. CIA has been "invited" to appear. I suggest that we could say no more than we already have, --"We concur in the objectives of a central clearing house for dissemination and will cooperate with any such agency established by the Congress." [REDACTED] did not believe this would suffice as the committee is attempting to collect every possible fragment of information on the subject contributory toward arriving at the most effective remedy. It was suggested that Mr. Borel and I appear at the anticipated June 26th hearing to answer such questions as the committee had on the scope of the undertaking. I said that I would be glad to meet questions on unclassified exploitation if the AD/O concurred, and if Mr. Borel would cover any ground necessary on indexing and dissemination. It was understood that [REDACTED] will get a clear statement of the terms of reference from the committee in advance of the proposed hearing.

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